

## Amilcar de Castro and the Line

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The creative energy of Amilcar de Castro pulsed firmly and strongly in the heart of the artist. And this gathering of thoughts spinning in his mind needed to find an escape, a way out of himself that would bring quiet to the soul. And Amilcar found in the drawing the perfect tool. Guignard's disciple learned early about the importance of the line, "which separates and defines the spaces," he said. And he always drew ideas and thoughts that might or might not turn into sculptures, paintings or even drawings. But it was always from the line, from the observation of the flat surface that Amilcar set out to conquer space. "The line for me has a fabulous importance. And, according to the organization of this line in space, it can become a sculpture, a drawing, but it is always the line that is the structure of my sensibility. "The cut and fold sculptures are born with simple gestures of cutting and folding a flat plate, creating the work in space. The cut defines the shape. And the fold, of pure sensibility of the artist, comes and creates emptiness. The place for the light. And that which was a drawing, emerges as a moving form in space, where matter dialogues with light. And one realizes that the whole, the finished sculpture, is harmoniously sustained by the movement of the lines in space. The cut sculptures eliminate the folding gesture and move on to the use of thicker plates. Sometimes only single steel blocks cut off and sometimes several blocks, forming the part through the shifting motion. And in this experience the cuts in the plate create the spaces through which light moves, revealing clearly the lines drawn by the artist. Different interpretation of the same thought. Broad and rigorous consideration with the essence, where there is no room for subjectivities and for unnecessary adornments. Sensitive and powerful thoughts that Amilcar de Castro carried through life, without straying from the path and while creating the unusual, the amazing and the brilliant domain over space. Pure art. "